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## The Ornithological Magazines

**CASSINIA.**—A Bird Annual. Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia. 1911. Issued February, 1912.

This annual always brings to us the best that the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club has done in the twelvemonth, accompanied by a bibliography of the region which the Club covers, taken from other publications. This number opens with a portrait of Constantine S. Rafinesque and a paper on his life; then follow six papers dealing with local matters, and matters of general interest, a short paper on Alexander Lawson, who was Alexander Wilson's engraver, then the regular "Report of the Spring Migration of 1911, compiled by Witmer Stone." "Cassinia" is always warmly received.

L. J.

**BIRD-LORE.**—The July-August number contains a colored frontispiece of Abert's and California Towhee, and the winter and summer phases of the Canon Towhee, by Louis Agassiz Fuertes. In line with the avowed office of this magazine, the first article is "A List of Trees, Shrubs, Vines, and Herbaceous Plants Native to New England, Bearing Fruit or Seeds Attractive to birds," by

Frederic H. Kennard. The second article, by Francis Harper, is "Observations in a Laughing Gull Colony," in which the author has given some interesting bits of the life history of the colony studied on Cobb's Island. Four text photographs accompany the article. The remaining three general articles are of the interesting popular sort. There follow the migration records of the three towhees which are figured on the frontispiece, and "The Massachusetts Audubon Society's Bird-Lists." The department of the Audubon Society contains a colored plate of the Yellow-headed Blackbird and portraits of Captain M. B. Davis and Mr. L. F. Dommerich, both recently deceased and both interested in bird protection.

L. J.

THE CONDOR.—The July-August number contains fifteen half-tone plates of unusual interest and excellence, and one map. This magazine holds the record for the excellence of its half-tone figures. In the first article Florence Merriam Bailey discusses the "Birds of the Cottonwood Groves" at Glorieta, in an interesting running account, which makes one want to visit the place. Mr. Robert B. Rockwell, in the second article, accompanies an interesting discussion of some wading birds of the Barr Lake Region, Colorado, with excellent half-tones of nests and eggs and young birds. Mr. Harold C. Bryant shows both in a full text treatment and a map of California "The Present and Future Status of the California Valley Quail." Milton S. Ray writes of "A Journey to the Star Lake Country and other notes from the Tahoe Region," with two text figures. Wells W. Cooke discusses "The Present Status of the Colorado Check-List of Birds," from which it appears that seven of the 395 species included in Schlater's book in 1912 may be open to question, but that fifteen species are to be added to that list, which makes the Colorado list number 403 species.

L. J.

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## Field Notes

### NOTES FROM THE TRI-RESERVOIR REGION IN OHIO.

The year 1911 brought a great number of Shovellers up this way in the spring. On March 22 the first one, a female, was shot at a small pond, and later on 5 (4 males, 1 female) found their way into my collection, shot on April 5th and the 15th, on the Loramie Reservoir. Usually this duck is only seen singly or in pairs in this region as well as in Ohio in general.

On March 20th, 1911, a fine female *Marila collaris* was taken at the Loramie Reservoir and is now in my collection. On March